

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Continuation Application under Rule 53(b)

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For: POLYMERIC MATERIALS AND THEIR USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new Claims 16-27.

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16. A liquid detergent composition comprising polymer particles having reacted onto their surfaces a polymeric amphipathic stabiliser comprising an addition polymer of hydrophobic monomer units and hydrophilic monomer units wherein the hydrophilic monomer units comprise carboxylic free acid or acid salt units and reactive monomer units selected from (a) glycidyl monomer units and (b) anhydride monomer units wherein the amount of anhydride units is either below 10% by weight total monomer units or is less than 19% by weight total carboxylic acid monomer units.

17. The liquid detergent of claim 16 in which the amount of the reactive monomer units in the stabilizer is less than 10% by weight total monomer units.